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Drug bust nets \$1.1M cash, marijuana

By Michael J. Ballway

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Police last week seized \$1.1 million in cash and 118 pounds of marijuana in the largest drug bust in Agawam history.

Eric Gillis, Agawam's chief of police, gave few details about the Oct. 17 bust, which he termed an "active and ongoing investigation," in an Oct. 21 press conference. He said the drugs, which have a street value of \$384,000, and the money were found at an Agawam location as detectives pursued a lead arising from a search warrant executed earlier that day in town.

Gillis did not announce any arrests or suspects at the press conference, but said that police "have identified a target in this investigation, and an arrest of that subject is imminent.'

He said his department is working with the Hampden County district attorney's office, the U.S. attorney's office in Springfield and the federal Drug Enforcement Agency's Springfield office. Detectives and officers from the Southwick, Westfield and West Springfield police departments were also involved in the bust last Friday.

The drug operation uncovered in Agawam has "ties and implications that extend outside of the commonwealth of Massachusetts," Gillis added. He said it is necessary to withhold details of the operation, including the location of the drug bust, to maintain "the broader investigation" into this drug operation.

Gillis said it was the largest seizure of currency in Agawam Police history, and one of the largest narcotics seizures ever in the town.

Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen praised the hours of police work that uncovered the drug operation.

"I couldn't be more proud of them," Cohen said. "We were able to take a lot of drugs off the street.'



Turley Publications photo by Michael J. Ballway

Local police recovered 118 pounds of marijuana and \$1.1 million in cash during a drug raid last Friday, Oct. 17. It is the largest-ever seizure of U.S. currency by Agawam Police and one of the largest narcotics seizures in town history.

LET'S BOUNCE



Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

Wyatt Elwell, 2, emerges from a bounce obstacle course. For more Harvest Fest photos see pages 12-13.

Sports Plex zone change withdrawn

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

The issue of the proposed Sports Plex was over before it started Monday night.

It was just 45 minutes before the regular meeting of the Agawam City Council when several Feeding Hills area residents were starting to file into the auditorium at Roberta Doering School prepared to fight for the character of their neighborhood.

As they entered, they learned the applicant, DCJ Realty, had withdrawn its application just a couple of hours earlier.

More than 100 residents living in Feeding Hills around South West Street, where the proposed four-field soccer complex that would have had two inflatable domes would be located, would end up attending the council meeting by the time the council convened.

When the council convened at 7 p.m., Council President Christopher Johnson made the formal announcement that no public hearing would be held and there was immediate applause and cheering from the crowd, which summarily filed out of the council chambers after learning their neighborhood would not be disturbed.

The residents have been united throughout the process, and a similar crowd had appeared in front of the Planning Board last month to

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Cinemas will reopen with help from the crowd

By Michael J. Ballway

Turley Publications Staff Writer

Kimberly Wheeler, a lifelong Agawam resident who has spent so many hours watching films at the local movie theater, wasn't ready for the curtain to fall when Agawam Family Cinemas closed in May.

So she put up some of her own money, got a loan from Easthampton Savings Bank and a lease from Southgate Plaza, and plans to



reopen the theater with first-run movies in November. Now she's asking for some of her fellow film aficionados to pitch in, too.

"The landlord has agreed to do a lot of the construction and fixes inside the building that it desperately needs," Wheeler said. "The other hurdle we're overcoming is

the digital projection equipment. ... To fill in that little bit of a gap from what I haven't been able to invest personally.'

The Agawam twin theater, which dates back to the 1970s when it opened as a Jerry Lewis Cinema, has shown second-run movies over the past few years and never made

the transition to digital projectors. Reopening the theater will require a \$113,000 investment in projection equipment. Earlier this month, Wheeler opened a campaign on Kickstarter.com, a "crowdsourcing" website, to raise \$40,000 to fund a new projector for one of the

"We're getting hundreds of messages from people that are just the most amazing outpouring of support," Wheeler said. "They're offering their services, they're offering ideas. I've never seen anything like it, as far as community spirit. It's so rare for a town to have the

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Agawam Cinemas in Southgate Plaza, at 866 Suffield St.

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'Coats For Kids' drive this weekend

The Springfield Salvation Army has launched its 2014 "Coats for Kids" campaign in the greater Springfield region. According to the 2015 Farmers' Almanac, the Northeast is expected to see another winter of below-normal temperatures. Coats of all sizes are needed — from infants to young adult sizes — and drop boxes are now located throughout the community thanks to the generosity of local business owners.

Noteworthy campaign sponsors include Belmont Laundry, which has once again agreed clean every donated coat before distribution, along with fellow presenting sponsors Berkshire Bank, Fireside Designs, Market Mentors and media sponsors 94.7 WMAS, Sports Radio 1450 The Hall and CBS 3 Springfield.

The campaign will conclude on Monday, Oct. 27. The day for qualified families to register and receive coats is Saturday, Nov. 8.

Drop spots in Agawam include Ambiance Hair and Laser Cener, 200 Silver St.; Pride Convenience, 395 Main St. and 831 Suffield St.; and Berkshire Bank, 1359 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

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Horror around the corner

Agawam director's first film, shot locally, makes big screen premier Friday

By Michael J. Ballway

Turley Publications Staff Writer

When you see Agawam's Mark Del Negro die on screen, don't let it get you down.
He isn't dying, he's living.

The first-time producer-director will premiere his new horror film, "Blood Reservoir," Friday in Springfield. Local theatergoers may recognize some of the locations — the film was shot in Agawam, Granville, Southwick and Suffield — but there will be no mistaking the look on Del Negro's face in the audience: pride and accomplishment.

Del Negro, a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School, has taken an atypical path to the cinema. He went to Northeastern University for a master of business administration degree, and is probably best known in town for having run for state representative. But in 2012, he quit a well-paying job in Pennsylvania to come home and pursue his love of writing and filmmaking.

"I was flying home every single weekend, just to be here," Del Negro said. "I had made enough money to say, 'Let me take a leap of faith."

That leap of faith involved partnering with Rob Wells, his financial backer from Stockton, California, on a zombie film called "The Undead." But that story needed a larger budget than a first-time production company could handle, so Del Negro and Wells shelved it in favor of a new project.

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"Blood Reservoir" is classified by the Screen Actors Guild as an "ultra-low-budget" production, meaning less than \$600,000. Del Negro said he wouldn't reveal the actual cost of making the film — to preserve his position in negotiations over future distribution rights — but said the Internet Movie Database estimate of \$100,000 is "reasonable."

The film follows a group of young people who head into the woods by a reservoir, each with a hidden agenda.

"All the campers are prisoners of their vices. They basically get what's coming to them in the end," Del Negro said.

Del Negro said the frantic pace of directing and producing a movie — his production company isn't called Mad Chaos for nothing — left him little time to be star-struck by his two headlining actors, who had costarred in the 1983 cult slasher classic "Sleepaway Camp."



A scene from "Blood Reservoir," Agawam resident Mark Del Negro's new film.

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"I remember picking Felissa [Rose] up at the airport, and her bags got lost. That kind of humanized her," Del Negro said. "I can't be a fan. I'm their boss. The only time I ever thought about it was when Jon Tiersten was in my pool. ... You realize it afterward. Oh my God, I grew up watching these guys. Oh my God, we finished a movie."

Frank Sorrentino, brother of "The Situation" from "Jersey Shore" and also a cast member in "Sleepaway Camp," plays a local sheriff in "Blood Reservoir."

The film opens Friday night, Oct. 24, at Entertainment Cinemas in Springfield, and will play there for a week, until Halloween. It will also be screened at the Hot Springs Horror Festival in Arkansas and at select theaters across the country.

"Blood Reservoir" includes a few insider treats for locals. There are scenes in the Granville Country Store and at the Hubbard River Falls. A carefully framed aerial shot of the Connecticut River stands in for the titular reservoir. One of the characters goes to Mawaga State University — spell it backwards. Del Negro even filmed an outdoor scene on his own property in Agawam.

Del Negro didn't film here just so that a supporting actor could name-check Holyoke or to cut down on his commute, though. The state's tax incentive for filmmakers played a large role in the decision. Del Negro said a production that spends at least \$50,000 will

get back one-third of what it spends in taxes.

He makes a cameo appearance early in this film ("like Alfred Hitchcock," he jokes) — 30 seconds and then he's killed. As a filmmaker, though, he plans to stay on the local scene a bit longer than that.

Mad Chaos' next production will be "Aleister," about a family that moves into a house haunted by the ghost of Aleister Crowley, the British occultist of the early 20th century. That film will also be filmed in Western Mass., over the winter, and released midway through 2015. By then, said Del Negro, Mad Chaos will have resumed production of "The Undead," with an eye toward releasing it next Halloween.

Though his first three films are horror staples — slashers, ghosts, zombies — Del Negro doesn't see himself as a horror director, or even a horror fan. He notes that blockbuster directors Steven Spielberg and Peter Jackson both started in horror. His plan is to prove himself on these low-budget productions, like they did, and work his way up to comedy and eventually a big-budget World War II film.

At least, that's the plan. But he's not in it for the money or the fame.

"This is something I like to do," Del Negro said. "Some people like to play golf, it's their hobby. They're not Tiger Woods, maybe they're a 5 handicap, but they'll keep doing it as long as God permits them."



Turley Publications photo by Michael J. Ballway Agawam's Mark Del Negro is the writer, director and producer of "Blood Reservoir," a feature film

opening Friday at Springfield.

"Blood Reservoir"
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Opinion

Dreams on the silver screen

Going to a movie is like watching someone else's dream.

The lights go down. An image fades into view. Your brain stops thinking and surrenders to the stories, colors, sensations before you.

For some theatergoers, like Agawam's Mark Del Negro, movies are a different sort of dream — a dream job, a dream lifestyle. And the chance to share his dream, his creative vision, is a dream come true.

You may find "Blood Reservoir," playing this week at Entertainment Cinemas in Springfield, to be more of a nightmare than a dream — it's a slasher film, after all — but not Del Negro, the man who is making his debut as a feature film director and producer.

Like most real-life dreams, it's built on hard work. No multimillion-dollar budgets or five-star hotels on this production; it was an independent effort held together by a local guy who wrote the script, scouted the locations, hired the cast and crew, managed logistics — even picking up actors at the airport himself — and, on top of all that, directed the film.

For anyone who's met Del Negro, "Blood Reservoir" is about more than a camping trip gone awry, or a couple screams in between bites of popcorn on Friday night. Like all independent films, it's also a story about a creative leader who followed his dream — and put in some long, tiring days of labor to bring it to life.

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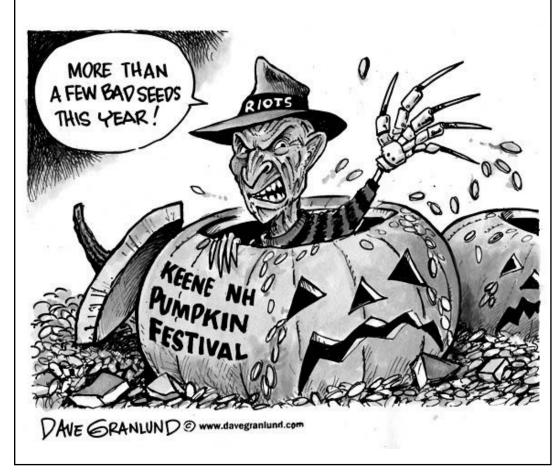
Of course, the same technology that made Del Negro's dream possible presents a hurdle to another Agawam resident's cinema dream. Digital video cameras and editing technology have made film production accessible to a whole generation of independent filmmakers, but the industry's move to full digital projection — away from old-fashioned celluloid film — means Kimberly Wheeler faces a hefty bill for new digital projectors before she can reopen Agawam Cinemas in Southgate Plaza.

Like Del Negro, Wheeler is putting in some of her own money and a lot of sweat equity to make her dream come true. But she needs help raising the final \$40,000 to buy a projector for the second auditorium. She's turned to Kickstarter.com, a crowdsourcing website where ordinary folks — Agawam residents, former cinema patrons, perfect strangers — can contribute a few dollars (or a few thousand dollars) and receive a little recognition in return.

It's worth a look, at https://www.kick-starter.com/projects/1162696934/save-the-agawam-cinemas. Bringing back Agawam's small-town cinema is her dream — but close your eyes and picture dinner-and-a-movie deals at local restaurants, Agawam teens going on a date without having to leave town, community programs and birthday parties at our very own cinema ... it could be your dream,

And making dreams come true is what the movies are all about.

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Letters to the Editor

Leahy deserves your vote

To the editor:

I agree with Patrick Leahy, candidate for State Senate in the 2nd Hampden Hampshire District, that our district is under-represented in Boston, and am supporting him in the Nov. 4 election.

Patrick is a Holyoke police officer and realtor, married with a baby girl, Diane. He is a hard worker who grew up in a family that valued public service. He understands the needs of our varied communities and will be an effective advocate for our district

I urge all readers to support Patrick Leahy for State Senate at the polls on Nov. 4.

Jay Berger Agawam

Leahy will work across party lines

To the editor:

I am writing in support of Patrick Leahy for state Senate. Patrick is a resident of Holyoke, a decorated police officer, and a small business owner. As a small business owner, he knows firsthand the challenges faced by the private sector.

He understands what small businesses need to strengthen their bottom line, and will work for them in that capacity. He is an advocate for economic development, without endangering the things that we, as communities, value most. He understands what every community in our district needs to move forward, with a clear message of balance — balance of economic development, open space, public and private needs, and a commitment to work across party lines.

I urge you to vote for Patrick Leahy on Nov. 4.

Jill Messick Feeding Hills

Coakley best prepared to lead state

To the editor:

Charlie Baker's ad claiming he'll make Massachusetts a leader again is puzzling. Massachusetts is first in education, clean energy, veterans' services, business competitiveness, and life sciences. Further, Massachusetts is leading the nation coming out of the worst recession since 1929. Likewise, Baker's statements about welfare reform are misleading because the Legislature just passed a major welfare reform bill.

Baker's vaunted tax cuts were achieved by strategies like unprecedented raising of state fees, bonding salaries in the transportation department, and returning \$5.1 million appropriated to hire needed DCF workers to the general budget. Baker's role in the Big Dig challenges his claims of being a tough tax steward.

Martha Coakley is a smart, strong, compassionate woman prepared to lead the state in a positive direction for all.

Coakley has a strong plan for regional economic development, focusing on building from the ground up. She will invest in our future, prioritizing universal early childhood education and the state vocational educational system to prepare workers for jobs. She supports earned sick time for every worker. Coakley has made expanding care for mental health and substance abuse a cornerstone of her campaign. She backs critical funding for our crumbling infrastructure.

Martha Coakley has a record of skilled management. She has been a proven champion for the people of Massachusetts, fighting for women's health care and against illegal foreclosures, advocating for children and working families.

Corinne M. Wingard Agawam

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'HOUSE OF SHADOWS'



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Things are getting spooky at the Red Door Theatre, as STaGE presents "House of Shadows," an original mystery tale by Lyle Pearsons. Pictured are Juliana Amato, Courtney Kraas, Lauren Dougherty, Lena Tedeschi, Erika Couture, and Amelia and Olivia Checca, of Agawam, as they prepare for shows scheduled for Oct. 24, 25 and 26. The Red Door Theatre is located at 152 S. Westfield St. in Feeding Hills. For more information, call 413-789-2026.

Sports Plex zone change is withdrawn PLEX, from page 1

voice displeasure with the proposal.

The Planning Board voted unanimously not to recommend the zone change necessary to move the project forward.

"I am glad to see the application for the Sports Plex has been withdrawn," said South West Street resident Aline Stolar. "We had an overwhelming response against this proposal from the neighborhood and we were ecstatic when we walked in here and found it was not going forward."

The one caveat to the withdrawal of the application is that DCJ Realty has the ability to re-apply for a zone change in the future.

One resident, Dale Bogelisch, said he was concerned the applicant could bring back a revised proposal in an effort to gain favor with the Planning Board. He and the residents of the neighborhood will continue to be vigilant to protect the quiet, peaceful neighborhood they are accustomed to.

Bogelisch said another big issue for him is the fact the application did not have any objections from town department heads. He said the proposal for a zone change should have been considered illegal because spot zoning is not allowed in Massachusetts. Spot zoning is defined as a property with a zone that is different than surrounding properties.

"The town has to recognize that spot zoning is not a good way to do business," said Bogelisch. "And our town planner told us in a meeting that spot zoning is illegal."

DCJ had originally proposed utilizing 69 acres of open land zoned residential on South West Street and changing the zone to business. DCJ proposed creating four soccer fields that could be used for leagues and tournaments, with two inflatable domes keeping the action going throughout the winter.

Several residents who spoke at the Planning Board meeting last month said they had issues with the potential major traffic activity that four soccer fields would bring. They also had concerns about enough parking on the site and noise that would come from the complex

Johnson apologized to residents attending the council's public hearing because he was notified at 5:09 p.m. about the application withdrawal. He told residents if another application is submitted, they would be notified.

Councilor Donald Rheault, who lives in Feeding Hills, said he liked the idea of adding more soccer fields in town, but was against the location and would have voted against it.

Golf panel may change focus

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Correspondent

There is a possible peaceful end in sight for the battle between the Agawam City Council and management of the Agawam Municipal Golf Course.

At the next council meeting, scheduled for Nov. 5, Council President Christopher Johnson and Councilor James Cichetti may propose an amendment to a resolution seeking an investigation into the business practices of the golf course.

The investigation resolution has been on the council table for more than two months now. Councilors Johnson, Dennis Perry, and Gina Letellier had proposed the investigation, looking for more information about why the golf course has been losing money in three of the last four years.

At the council's Oct. 20 meeting, Johnson asked his fellow councilors to keep the resolution on the table because he is working on a possible amendment.

After the meeting, Johnson and Cichetti said they would like to amend the investigation resolution and turn the three-member committee into a five-member sub-committee that would work at finding ways business could be improved at the golf course.

"We are thinking we could broaden the membership of the committee and change their focus a bit," said Johnson. Johnson said the amendment would propose adding a member of the Golf Commission and the course manager to the sub-committee.

Cichetti said he is hoping the amendment will bring a peaceful resolution to the hard feelings that have developed between the council and golf course management.

"We just want to get this issue resolved and move on," said Cichetti. "We want to help the golf course make improvements so business will be better."

During public comment at the Oct. 20 council meeting, Agawam Municipal Golf Course General Manager Tony Roberto thanked the councilors for their attending

the workshop on Oct. 2 and felt good information was exchanged.

"I think we got a lot of questions asked and answered," said Roberto. "Since then, some of the councilors have come to see me at the course. I hope I have been able to answer their questions."

Roberto said on average, sales in 2014 have improved by 31 percent from 2013. He is hopeful the course will end the golfing season in similar fashion.

"We still have nine days left in October," said Roberto. "But I am expecting us to come in right about 30 percent above last year."

Roberto also said he is looking into the point-of-sale system and parking lot lighting that has been suggested by city councilors to improve the business.

Councilor George Bitzas said he was one of the councilors that visited the golf course to meet with Roberto. He has also spoken with Mayor Richard Cohen. Bitzas encouraged his fellow councilors to do the same.

"Their door is always open said," Bitzas. "I went there and asked several questions. I asked about paving of the parking lot and got answers. Please go to the golf course and you can get your answers."

Johnson, Perry and Letellier originally proposed the idea of an investigation in August. Cichetti suggested a workshop between the council and golf course management would work better. The council hosted a workshop on Sept. 29, but golf course management came with their union attorney. Golf course management walked out on the meeting because they felt the council's questions were interrogative.

Cohen then called a special meeting of the council and compelled Roberto and the rest of the golf management team to answer questions from the council. Seven of the 11 councilors attended and asked questions.

Some councilors have been satisfied while others are still unhappy about the previous loss of revenues.

ACAA meeting to feature area artist

The Agawam Community Artists Association will meet Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St

Featured guest at the meeting will be Nancy Howard, watercolor artist. She will describe and demonstrate her watercolor techniques while painting flowers.

Howard, a resident of Holyoke, earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in painting from the Rhode Island School of Design. She has lived in the Pioneer Valley for the past 18 years. While working toward her master's degree in landscape architecture at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, her interests in painting, art in the landscape, and the role of artists in community were rekindled.

Howard paints and sketches onsite, paying particular attention to the relationship of the built environment with land, plants, water and sky. She is interested in how color, light and shadow describe form and space, and sense of place.











Fire department opens doors to community

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Correspondent

For the past six years, the Agawam Fire Department has been opening up its department to the public in an effort to interact with residents in a more personal way.

Having the trucks for children to climb around and free chili is not bad, either.

Last Saturday, the fire department held its sixth annual open house and fourth in-house chili cook-off.

Firefighter John Pollock said the weather caused a lighter turnout this year, but there was no shortage of chili from members of the fire department.

Pollock said the public was invited to try everyone's chili and fill a ballot box with their favorite.

"Anyone was allowed to vote," said Pollock. "We do a blind taste test and the visitors to the open house and all of the firefight-

Firefighter John Pollock tries some homemade chili in the Agawam Fire Department kitchen.

ers taking part can cast a ballot."

For the fourth straight year, Firefighter Mike Defillipi was the winner of the chili cook-off

The newer tradition of the chili cook-off is a homage to the traditional "Fire House Chili" concept.

"A lot of times in a firehouse we will take whatever is left in our kitchen at the end of the week and throw it all in the pot and make something and spice it up," said Pollock. "It's a great tradition and something a lot of the guys here really enjoy doing each year. We have a lot of entrants in the chili contest."

Firefighter Ray Lemek said adding the chili cook-off to the open house event put another fun element that appeals to the public

"It's just a lot of fun and people get to come out and let their children look at the equipment and climb in the truck," said Lemek. "Then they can come try our chili

and help pick the winner."

The fire department displayed all its apparatus throughout the property. Visitors had the opportunity to climb in the trucks, go up the ladders, see the inside of the ambulance, and tour the department facility, including the training rooms and dormitory rooms used for overnight firefighters to rest.

"A lot of times when we meet people in the community, it is under really stressful circumstances," said Pollock. "Having this open house is a chance where we can know the people we serve and answer those questions we might not be able to answer while responding to a fer."

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Turley Publications photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Matt Cavallo and Brian Keefe, both junior firefighters, demonstrate a hose connection at the Agawam Fire Department Open House last Saturday.

are interested in the unique equipment used.

"I think the most common question we get is, 'what is that for?'" said Lemek. "That is what we are here for. To answers those questions."

Lemek also said he enjoys bringing younger children into the ambulance.

"A lot of people associate an ambulance with something really, really bad happening," said Lemek. "Kids see that on televi-

sion, so it is scary for them. We like to bring the kids in the ambulance and show them how things work so they will not be scared if they have to come with us."

The Agawam Fire Department answers more than 3,500 calls per year. There are two stations and about 50 full-time firefighters on staff with a small contingent of "on-call" staff that are used in emergencies.





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FOUR GENERATIONS



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Four generations of the Niemiec family gathered for the Labor Day holiday last month. From left are Olivia Costa, 5 months old; Rebecca Niemiec-Costa; Robyn (Vanotti) Niemiec; and Sandra Vanotti.

ARE YOU OLD NEWS?

Each week the Agawam Advertiser News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured. Email your answers by Monday at noon to mballway@turley.com.

Last week's photo: Correctly identifying Geraldine Schilling-Nordal were Norma Turcotte, Donna Kennedy, Lou Scherpa and Joanne Attardi.

Also submitting an answer was Mrs. Schilling-Nordal herself. "Alive, active,

I'll be 80 in February," she said.

"So far, I have en-

joyed 11 1/2 years of retirement from 46 years of teaching art in the Agawam Public Schools. I'm having my third photo exhibit at the Agawam Public Library the month of January. Included will be local scenes as well as those taken in my travels not seen before by Agawam resident."



Deadline set for utility connections

The Agawam Department of Public Works has announced that Friday, Nov. 14, will be the last day to apply for water, sewer or drain connections that have to be installed

All connections applied for after Nov. 14 will be installed next spring.

This notice does not apply to connections that have been previously installed to the property line of an existing property.

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Agawam Senior Center

Weekly calendar of events

Monday, Oct. 27: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, Oct. 28: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Annual Health Exp - No Morning Activities; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance.

Wednesday, Oct. 29: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, Ballroom Lessons; 5 p.m., Zum-

Thursday, Oct. 30: 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Open Art; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, Oct. 31: Happy Halloween -Dress in Costume for Lunchtime Parade - Prizes; 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba

Lunch menu

Monday, Oct. 27: Beefsteak with fried onions, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, pineapple.

Tuesday, Oct. 28: Roast chicken Florentine, roasted sweet potatoes, seasoned broccoli, bananas.

Wednesday, Oct. 29: Macaroni and cheese, corn muffin, stewed tomatoes,

Thursday, Oct. 30: Open-faced turkey sandwich, peas and carrots, cranberry sauce and gravy, baked good.

Friday, Oct. 31: Goulash, beet salad.

Public Safety

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 54 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from Oct. 14 to Oct. 20.

On Oct. 14 at 9:17 a.m., the department responded to Princeton Avenue for electrical wiring/equipment problem, other.

On Oct. 15 at 8:11 a.m., the department responded to Tobacco Farm Road for public service assistance, other.

On Oct. 15 at 6:20 p.m., the department responded to Castle Hills Road to assist invalid.

On Oct. 15 at 6:56 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive to assist invalid.

On Oct. 15 at 7:28 p.m., the department responded to Maine Street to assist invalid.

On Oct. 16 at 10:07 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street, was dispatched and canceled en route.

On Oct. 16 at 11:26 a.m., the department responded to North Street for lockout.

On Oct. 16 at 7:12 p.m., the department responded to Norris Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional. On Oct. 16 at 10:15 p.m., the department responded to Norris Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction. On Oct. 17 at 3:06 a.m., the department responded to Main

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On Oct. 17 at 12:39 p.m., the department responded to

Springfield Street for arcing, shorted electrical equipment. On Oct. 17 at 3:45 p.m., the department responded to Barry Street for good intent call, other.

On Oct. 18 at 10:15 a.m., the department responded to Main Street, was dispatched and canceled en route.

On Oct. 18 at 3:44 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Oct. 19 at 2:22 a.m., the department responded to Karen Lynn Circle for person in distress, other.

On Oct. 20 at 2:07 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for public service.

POLICE LOG-

The Agawam Police Department responded to 299 calls for service from Oct. 14 to Oct. 20. The department made 3 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Friday, Oct. 17

Leo Dennis Blair, 38, of 19 Shepard St., Apt. 2nd Floor, Westfield, was arrested on a charge of operating motor vehicle with license suspended, subsequent offense.

Saturday, Oct. 18

Matthew W. Clark, 33, of 63 S. Westfield St., Apt. 51, Agawam, was arrested on charges of domestic assault and battery and strangulation.

A juvenile from Chicopee was arrested on 4 counts of larceny over \$250, 3 counts of larceny of a credit card, and 2 counts of breaking into depository.

Junior Women's Club dance to benefit USO

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club will host a dance to benefit the USO, an organization that assists our soldiers and their families.

The public is invited to an evening of dancing, snacks and entertainment, Saturday, Nov. 8, at the American Legion Hall, 478 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. A cash bar will be available.

Entertainment will begin with a USO show at 7 p.m., followed by dancing to tunes spun by D.J. Doug.

Tickets are \$10 per person or, if preferred, donations may be made to the USO. To make an online donation, visit www.usodance.org, click on sponsor participants and enter "Rosalie Dialessi" under participant's name to make a donation.

For more information, contact Dialessi at Rose-ann32@comcast.net or call 413-998-3955.





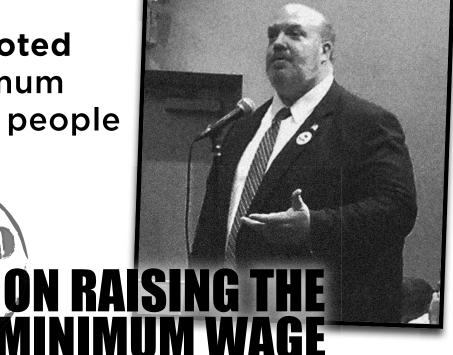
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In the Classroom

Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

Open Houses: Many colleges are hosting open houses for the next few months. Check the Counseling Center website for times and dates.

Visiting College Representatives: To meet with any of the following college or university representatives that will be visiting the school, sign up at least one day in advance in the Counseling Center. Oct. 27: 12:30 p.m., Baldwin College.

Girls STEM Summit: A one-day summit for girls in grades 8-12 who love STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). This program will be held on Nov. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at UMass Lowell. Enrollment fee is \$45 (lunch is provided).

Register online at www.juniortech.org.

Northeastern University Women in Engineering Day: On Oct. 31, female students interested in engineering should attend to learn more about the engineering program. Students must RSVP before Oct. 24 by emailing r.reisberg@neu.edu.

National Hispanic College Fair: AIC will host this event Wednesday, Oct. 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Register online at www.collegefair.info.

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information or an application.

Regular School Committee Meeting

Roberta G. Doering School 68 Main St. Tuesday, Oct. 28 - 7 p.m.

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Moment of Silence
- 3. Roll call of attendance
- 4. Regular meeting 7 p.m.
- 5. Citizen's Speak Time
- 6. Highlights on Education:
- a. AP History Student's Veterans Program presentation
- 7. Superintendent's Notes
- 8. Student Advisory Committee representative update
- 9. Unfinished business:
- a. SCR-14-26, MASC Resolutions
- b. SCR-14-27, MASC voting delegate and alternate
- c. SCR-14-28, Approval to establish a Science Olympiad Club with advisor(s) at AJHS
- Club with advisor(s) at AJHS d. SCR-14-30, Acceptance of a \$2,469.20 donation from the Tommy Quinn Memorial Committee to the AHS Athletic
- Department to purchase new baseball uniforms 10. Business meeting:

- a. Routine Matters
- 1) Approval of Minutes
- 2) Calendar/Correspondence
- b. Warrants/Transfers
- c. Reports:
- 1). Scheduled reports:
- * Personnel Update (paper report)
- * Financial Update R. Clickstein
- * School Year 2014-2015 Priorities W. Sapelli
- 2). Subcommittee Updates
- 11. New Business:
- a. SCR-14-31, Approval for Music Speaks to use the AJHS Auditorium for a recital on Dec. 14, 2014, from noon 5 p.m.
- b. SCR-14-32, Approval for the Academy of Artistic Performance to use the AHS gymnasium for a Baton Twirling Contest on Nov. 15, 2014, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - 12. Policy Review:
- a. Policy KJA, Relations with Booster Organization 2nd and third readings
- 13. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
 - 14. Adjournment

BIRCHALL RECEIVES WHITE COAT



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SOUTHWICK — Courntey L. Birchall, daughter of Wendy and James Birchall, of Southwick, received her white from the University of Massachusetts Medical School in a ceremony held Sept. 19. She is a graduate of Southwick High School and Stonehill College. Her proud grandmother is Dora White Birchall of Feeding Hills.

Business

Denton joins Park Square Realty

Ted Cassell, president of Park Square Realty, announced that Tori Denton has joined Park Square Realty as a sales associate in the firm's Westfield Office.

Denton grew up in Northampton and was a graduate of Northampton High School. She received her bachelor's degree in business management and accounting from Westfield State University and has also been appointed by the governor as a notary public. She lives in Westfield with her husband, Tom, and their two children.

Denton's community involvement includes Westfield Food Pantry, Watoto Child Care Ministries, Westfield Evangelical Free Church, Western Mass. Homeschoolers, Young Singers of Greater Westfield



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and the National Marfan Foundation.

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Partners owners named 'Friends of the Big E'

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Feeding Hills restaurateurs Mark and Sue Tansey, owners of Partners Restaurant on Springfield Street, were honored with a Friend of The Big E Award following this year's fair.

The Tanseys, who live in West Springfield, provide catering for many functions at the fair, including special receptions held in the Brooks Building and Eastern States Exposition Horse Show parties. This year, they stepped forward to seamlessly honor their commitment to The Big E in spite of a devastating fire at the building that houses their restaurant just days before the opening of the fair.

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Pictured, from left, are ESE President and CEO Eugene J. Cassidy; administrative assistant to the president Carol Pederzani; and Sue and Mark Tansey.



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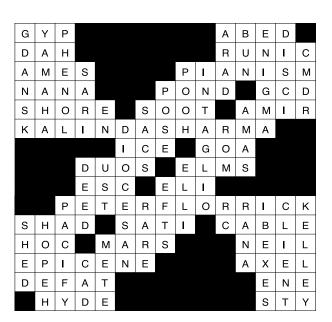
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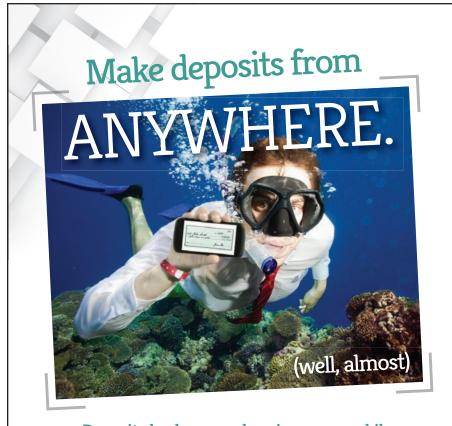
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Community turns out





Matthew Iserman, 14, feeds balls into one of the Rosie Robotics Team robots.

Natalia Hernandez, 2, plays with an obstacle course set up by the new Agawam Y.

The Agawam Rotary Club hosted the Agawam Harvest Festival and Family Fun Day last Saturday at the Veterans Green. The festival was much bigger than last year's event and vendor tents spilled over to the neighboring property, the historic Captain Leonard House. There were performances from the Agawam High School cheerleaders and the Rosie Robotics Team. Ally Rossi also performed live.



Elaina Kusiak helps Cecilia Pioggia, 4, fill an organic candle.



Lily Ann Semano, 4, gets help decorating her pumpkin from Agawam Cheerleader Natalie Rauk.



Ally Rossi, of Agawam, performs live with Guitarist Dan Gross.



Rich Devall checks out crafts with his grandson, Nicholas, 2.

for Harvest Festival



Chris Makeux shops for yard lights.





Alyssa Drumm, 11, demonstrates Lego creations by the First Lego League.



Avery Perry, 7, tries to catch a ball thrown by a robot.

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Brownies blow out South Hadley

Russo delivers two touchdowns

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam and South Hadley football teams knew last Friday night's tilt had huge implications on the Suburban Conference.

Agawam dealt South Hadley a big blow to their title contention plans by giving them a 35-0 shutout last Friday night at Harmon A. Smith Field in Agawam.

It was the second straight year the two teams met up and after last season's matchup and both teams making the playoffs, another close contest was expected.

But it was Agawam that was dominant from the onset of the game and did not all South Hadley to do very much.

Gio Russo had a huge game for the Brownies. He scored twice in the second quarter to help Agawam build a 14-0 halftime lead.

After the teams traded possessions in the first quarter, Agawam finally got a good drive going with Russo finishing it off with a threeyard run with 9:22 remaining in the second quarter.

After another South Hadley turnover, Russo would find a hole in the South Hadley defense and sprinted 25 yards into the end zone with 5:10 left.

South Hadley would threaten, but not score as the teams went to halftime with Agawam leading.

The Tigers got the ball to start the second half and Andrew Piquette made a great return, helping the Tigers get off to a good start. South Hadley then got some help with another Piquette run and a roughing the passer penalty that gave the Tigers another 15 yards.

But on fourth-and-4, South Hadley's drive was stalled with a backfield tackle and Agawam took over on offense.

Agawam's Max Molta, a sophomore running back, made a couple of good runs up the middle to get Agawam into good field position. A bit later in the drive, Troy Gallerani connected with Chris Morassi on a phenomenal 20-yard touchdown pass. Morassi had a defender all over him, but was able to make the catch in the end zone to lift Agawam to a 21-0 lead.

On their next possession, South Hadley would fumble the ball away. It was recovered by Agawam's Paul Taft. Shortly after that, Anthony Basile finished a very short drive with a two-yard touchdown run.

In the fourth quarter, Agawam would utilize a double reverse handoff to Molta. Molta made it 20 yards into the end zone for the touchdown.

South Hadley quarterback Joe Allard struggled, going 5-for-15 passing for just 8 positive yards. Gallerani finished with 70 yards passing on three completed passes.

On the ground, Agawam excelled with Russo carrying the ball 14 times for 103 yards. He scored twice. Molta had five carries for 49 yards, Jason Carleton had two carries for 35 yards, Dominic Grassetti had six carries for 32 yards, Basile had 10 carries for 31 yards.

Sean Moore was also excellent kicking for the Brownies with five extra points made in five tries.

Agawam improved for 4-2 for the season and 3-1 in the conference. South Hadley dropped to 4-3 and 3-1 in the conference. Agawam is at Commerce Friday at 7 p.m.



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Agawam running back Max Molta tries to break away from South Hadley tacklers.



Jason Carleton tries to make a tackle for Agawam on South Hadley's Andrew Piquette.



Quarterback Joe Allard tries to get rid of the ball before Agawam's James Karl-Morin is able to make a sack.

Modestow dominates Brownies

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – Paulina Modestow was dominant for the Falcons as Minnechaug and Agawam held a Purple vs. Pink game last Wednesday night at Agawam High School.

The Falcons had no trouble picking up a 3-0 shutout of the Brownies, overcoming a couple of comebacks by Agawam and then dominating play in the final two games of the three-game set.

Agawam fell behind 6-1 early in the first game. Minnechaug was doing everything right, finding every hole on Agawam's side.

But things quickly change as Agawam grabbed their second point, and then fought all the way back to a tie score with an ace by Caroline Hitchcock.

Following the ace, Modestow got Minnechaug back on track with two straight kills to give the Falcons a lead again. Agawam still lingered, and re-tied the score 8-8.

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Agawam was able to stay close



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Taylor Heinbokel makes a serve for the Brownies.

throughout the remainder of the first set, and trailed 19-18 after two straight aces by Sharolee Rudzik. But Minnechaug took things from there, keeping their distance by two or three points for the rest of the first game.

Modestow and Zoe Lipkens both came up with late kills to finish off the first game in the set, a 25-22 win for the Falcons.

Agawam fell behind again in the second game of the set as Minnechaug jumped out to an even bigger lead. Agawam lost eight of the first nine volleys, only grabbing a point on a soft return.

Trailing 8-1, Agawam started a small comeback, and closed to 9-6 score. Minnechaug took control again, and Ellen Moratis had a big ace to keep the Falcons moving. The Falcons re-built their big lead and went up 18-9 late in the second game.

Lipkens came up with an ace to make it 22-11, and Minnechaug would go on to finish the second game with a dominant 25-11 score.

See VOLLEYBALL, page 13

Agawam places third at Western Mass

Qualifies for state tourney

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam golf team is headed back to the state tournament as they finished in third place as a team on Monday afternoon at Wyantenuck Country Club in Great Barrington.

Agawam's top four players combined to score 319 strokes as they trailed behind Longmeadow and Minnechaug for the top spots in the tournament.

Minnechaug was the winner of the tournament with a combined score of 307 strokes, and Longmeadow, a perennial championship favorite, was second with 313 strokes.

Agawam's top players came through for the Brownies in one of the biggest matches of the year.

Matteo Godek had the top score for the Brownies as he carded a 75, the fifth best score of the match.

Overall, his score was among the top eight and he would have qualified for the state tournament as an individual. Godek has a breakout season for Agawam. He has improved greatly as the season has progressed. He started out the season, his sophomore year, scoring in the upper 30's and low 40's. Midway through the season, he put a couple of big games, including a medal against East Longmeadow with a 36.

Godek then carded a 34 against Belchertown in one of the final games of the season. In the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference match, he placed third in the match with a card of 73 at Veterans Golf Course.

Please see GOLF, page 13

COLLEGE NOTES

Rackliffe named MASCAC Volleyball Player of the Week

FRAMINGHAM – Framingham State sophomore middle hitter Alycia Rackliffe, of Feeding Hills, has been named the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Volleyball Player of the Week for the week of Oct. 20.

Rackliffe averaged 16.3 kills, two assists, 4.7 aces, 3.3 digs and 5.3 blocks in a 3-0 week that included a key pair of conference victories. Rackliffe amassed 23 kills with four blocks and three aces in a 3-1 victory

over Worcester State and totaled eight kills, five digs and eight blocks in a 3-0 triumph over Bridgewater State. She closed the week with an 18 kill, seven ace, four assist and four block performance in a five set nonconference win over WPI.

Duquette helped out Westfield

WESTFIELD - Westfield State women's volleyball senior and Feeding Hills resident Carolyn Duquette had eight kills in a 25-9, 25-11, 25-19 win over Massachusetts Maritime Academy on Saturday, Oct. 18.

In-Town Basketball programs starting for boys and girls

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is currently taking registrations for boys and girls age 4 and older In-Town Basketball Programs.

Boys and girls age 4 (by Dec. 1) or currently enrolled in kindergarten are welcome to register for a newly added Bitty Basketball Program on Saturdays at 8 a.m.

Boys and Girls in grades 1 and 2 are welcome to register for the YMCA Instructional Basketball Program on Saturdays at either 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Boys in grades 3 through 8 may register, although as of Oct. 14, the fee increased \$25.

Girls in grades 3 through 8 may call the Parks and Recreation Department and be put on an interest list. If there are enough girls an In-Town league will be formed or Agawam teams may be put together to join another league.

Boys and girls in grades 9-12 are welcome to register by Dec. 5 for the High School In-Town Basketball League.

Please feel free to call the Parks and Recreation Department at 413-821-0514 with any questions about these basketball programs or any other offerings. More information can be found on the Parks and Recreation Department's website found at www.agawam.ma.us.

VOLLEYBALL, from page 12

Agawam continued to fight hard, but Modestow was too much for Agawam on the front line. The Falcons closed out the third game 25-18 to pick up the shutout.

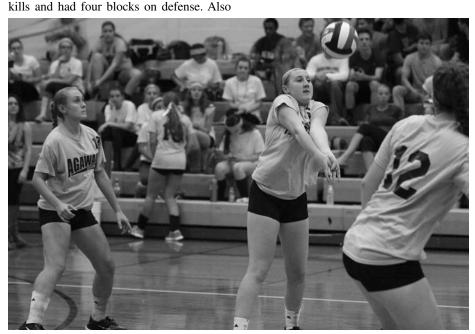
Modestow had an amazing 16 kills. She also had seven digs and picked up five aces from the serving line.

Katie Gagnon had a good game from the serving line as well. She picked up four aces. Agawam struggled with their power game. Taylor Heinbokel led the Brownies with four contributing was Emma Sergeychik, who had 10 digs. Lexi Cears had two aces.

Agawam dropped to 4-11 on the season while Minnechaug improved to 12-2.

Agawam closes out their regular season with Senior Night Friday at 5 p.m. against Longmeadow.

Gregory A. Scibelli is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at gscibelli@turley.com.



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Lexi Cears makes a bump for Agawam.

GOLF, from page 11

Also carding scores for the Brownies at Western Mass. was Eric Wolowicz, Zach Circosta and Mike Costello.

Wolowicz and Circosta have both been consistent all season long. Each carded an 80 on the course. Costello had an 83.

Jeff LeClerc and Cam Randall also competed in Great Barrington.

The teams played 18 holes with the cold air and breeze affecting balls all day long.

The Brownies will get the move on to the Division 1 State Tournament with an opportunity to win the state championship as a team. Godek will also have the ability to compete for an individual title while on the course with his teammates.

Agawam had a great regular season, go-

ing 14-5 during the regular season to qualify for the tournament match. The Brownies completed their regular season with victories over Belchertown and South Hadley. Agawam beat South Hadley 154-169 last Tuesday.

Agawam will have the rest of the week to prepare for the state tournament. They will not have to travel very far and could have the opportunity to practice on the course they will be competing at.

The state tournament will be held on Monday at Springfield Country Club in West Springfield.

Gregory A. Scibelli is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at gscibelli@turley.com.

Local golfers take part in Jimmy Fund Tourney

BOLTON - The Jimmy Fund Golf Classic is an annual event that recognizes tournament organizers and sponsors who helped raise more than \$6.7 million in 2014. Jimmy Fund Golf is the oldest and largest charity golf program in the country.

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(From left to right) Jay O'Brien of Hamden, Pete Clark of Agawam, Tom Lilly of Springfield, and Dave Madsen of Southampton, attended the 32nd annual Jimmy Fund Golf Classic.



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(From left to right) Reza Shafii of Deerfield, Eric Degregorio of Southboro, Tom Mathes of Feeding Hills, and Dan Eastman of Somers, attended the 32nd annual Jimmy Fund Golf Classic.

RIFLES FALL TO BOSTON



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SPRINGFIELD - A rainy day turned sunny, but a good game turned sour for the Springfield Rifles as they challenged the Boston Irish Wolfhounds at Van Horn Park on Oct. 11. The Wolfhounds capitalized on two first half plays. However, Springfield's hitting and defense kept it a two-score game at the half. Boston wore down the hosts in the second half despite two scores for the Rifles. Final: Boston 41, Springfield 12.

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Most newspapers continue to be profitable businesses, with operating margins that average in the low to mid teens. Although that is down from historic highs, these profit margins would be the envy of most other industries today.



SOCCER

Agawam High School

Boys clinch tournament spot

AGAWAM - The Agawam boys soccer team is headed back to the tournament this year after qualifying for the tournament with a dominant victory over Central, 5-0, on Monday night.

Brodie Keene got the scoring started early in the first half with a goal and ended up with two on the evening as the Brownies celebrated Senior Night at Harmon A. Smith Field.

Nick Malerba, Luis Nieves, and Tym Reginer also scored in the win. Agawam commanded possession of the ball throughout the game and it was a quiet night for goalie Alex Sours, who needed just five saves to get the shutout.

Last Friday afternoon, Agawam defeated Cathedral, 6-0. Without a home site, Agawam hosted the Panthers a second time. The Brownies scored three times in each half.

Keene had a hat trick plus an assist for four points. Stephen Mateus added two goals and Regnier had one. Kris Page had two assists.

Agawam will play at Belchertown Friday at 4 p.m.

Lady Brownies knocked out of playoffs

A tie against Westfield last week has eliminated the girls soccer team from playoff contention. Agawam needed to win their final six games of the season to qualify. They are not going to be able to catch second place in their league.

Agawam did defeat Central, 2-0, last Tuesday afternoon. Sarah Graves and Jillian Scherpa both had goals for the Browines and Jenna Beach had a three-save shutout in the win.

Agawam was scheduled to play three games in a row this week, ending with Thursday's matchup at Chicopee Comp at 6:30 p.m. Agawam ends their season hosting Chicopee Monday night at 6 p.m.

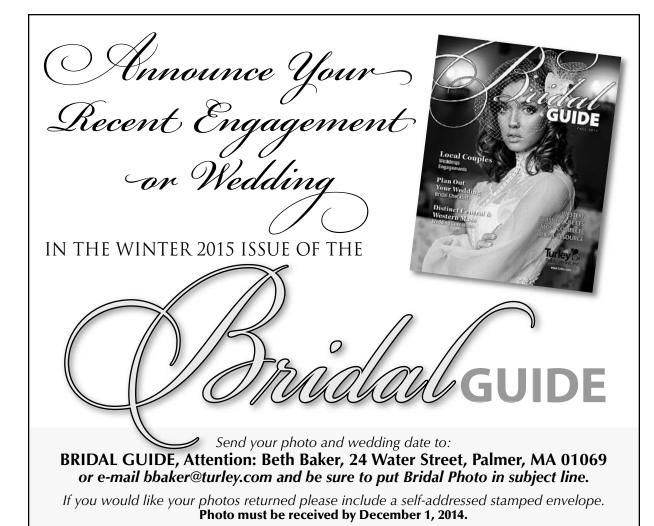
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SOCCER TEAM WALKS RAYS



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AGAWAM - The Agawam High School girls soccer teams participated in the Rays of Hope Walk in Springfield on Sunday, Oct. 19. To date they have raised over \$2,550 and donations are still coming in. The funds that have been raised go towards helping to raise awareness, support and hope for breast cancer research and care.





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FIELD HOCKEY

Agawam High School

Lady Brownies drop three games

 $AGAWAM-The\ Agawam\ field\ hockey\ team\ will\ not\ be\ headed\ to\ the\ tournament\ for\ the\ first\ time\ in\ many\ years\ after\ struggling\ on\ offense\ throughout\ the\ regular\ season.$

They dropped decisions against Westfield, Northampton, and Longmeadow during the past two weeks and only managed a tie against Holyoke and a win over Pioneer Valley to get to 3-9-4 for the season.

Agawam has a 1-5 league record.

On Monday afternoon, the Brownies suffered a tough loss against Westfield, a team they have a healthy rivalry with. The Bombers managed a goal in the first half and it stuck as the Bombers won 1-0.

Northampton beat Agawam 1-0 last Friday afternoon. Last Tuesday, Agawam beat Pioneer Valley Regional 4-0. In the victory, Morgan Durocher, Emma Foley had goals. Eliza Timms had two goals for Agawam.

Agawam concludes the regular season today at Minnechaug.

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AIC to host girls basketball clinic

SPRINGFIELD - The American International College Women's basketball team will host a one-day Fall Self-Improvement Clinic, Sunday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The clinic is designed for female basketball players of all skill levels from grades 2 through 12. The goal of the clinic is to prepare the girls for the upcoming basketball season.

The camp is directed by head coach Kristen Hutchison and assistant coach Josephine McLane.

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Robert Cecchi Jr., right, farm stand manager at E. Cecchi Farms in Feeding Hills, presents Parish Cupboard executive director Martha Tighe with a check for \$1,871.55 from recent fundraising efforts.

Local farm gives, customers give back

Robert Cecchi Jr. recently presented Parish Cupboard executive director Martha Tighe with a check for \$1,871.55, representing donations collected at E. Cecchi Farms for the food pantry.

In August, as they have for the past 22 years, the Cecchi family hosted their annual CornFest at the Springfield Street farm, offering a variety of home-grown treats free of charge to all comers in a gesture of thanks to their loyal customers. This year's menu included heirloom tomatoes, tomato and basil salad, cantaloupe, cucumber salad, grilled vegetables, and, the star of the event — corn-on-the-cob.

As has been the custom since 1993, two giant pickle jars were placed on the counter soliciting donations to help those in need, spe-

cifically, to benefit the Parish Cupboard, the local food pantry serving Agawam and West Springfield. Guests at the two-day event contributed \$1,185 to the cause. At the end of CornFest, the jar was placed on the counter through the end of September. Customers contributed an additional \$686.55.

The Cecchi Family would like to thank their loyal customers for their continued patronage and their generosity. "Visitors to CornFest feast on a delicious spread of fresh vegetables, but there are many families in the area who go hungry," said Cecchi. "We are proud of our customers' generosity and hope that the money collected will help those in need. We are already looking forward to next year's CornFest."

Cinemas will reopen with help from the crowd

CINEMAS, from page 1

opportunity to have their own theater. I really think they're going to help me save it."

The campaign can be viewed at https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1162696934/save-the-agawam-cinemas.

Donors who pledge \$15 or more will have their names inscribed on a banner in the lobby. Higher levels of support come with additional rewards. For instance, the \$100 to \$249 level — currently the most popular, with 21 pledges as of Tuesday night — comes with a concession voucher, a clip of 35 mm film and pass for unlimited movies for one person for one year. A pledge of \$5,000 or more would include naming rights to the lobby, booth or one of the auditoriums, a free theater rental, an advertising slide to be shown before each film, two unlimited admission passes and a "backstage" tour of the cinema.

Although she plans to show first-run films and plans to shorten the name to simply "Agawam Cinemas," Wheeler said she wants to preserve some of the charms of the former discount theater. The tables on each row are staying, for instance.

"The hometown theater we're going to save is substantially different, in a good way, from what you're going to see in large commercial theaters," Wheeler said earlier this week. "Exceptional customer service, a more personal experience, very competitive prices from us."

Those prices will be higher than they were for second-run films, but substantially lower than the multiplex theaters in Chicopee and West Springfield. Adult evening tickets "will be most likely in the \$7 range," said Wheeler, with discounts for children, seniors, military personnel and matinee shows.

Wheeler, an emergency medical technician by trade, will be the owner and manager of the theater.

By Tuesday night, the Kickstarter campaign had met 19 percent of its goal — about \$7,700 — with 72 individual backers. The project will only be funded if the goal is met by 5:08 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15.

Wheeler said if the campaign raises more than \$40,000, the additional funds will be used for other improvements



Turley Publications photo by Michael J. Ballway

Kimberly Wheeler, the new owner of Agawam Cinemas, is running a Kickstarter campaign to raise funds for digital projection equipment.

at the cinemas. Her first priority would be to improve the acoustics in the auditoriums — to match the upgraded sound system. Next would be to replace the screens.

If the campaign fails, said Wheeler, she still plans to reopen the cinema in November, but only one auditorium will have a projector. Installing the second digital projector would face "a significant delay" until the single-screen theater makes enough profits to afford it.

One of the auditoriums seats 266. The other seats 200.

Two screens, said Wheeler, will allow her to show a wider variety of films than one. She has already hired a film booker and with two auditoriums, she plans to show three to four films each weekend.

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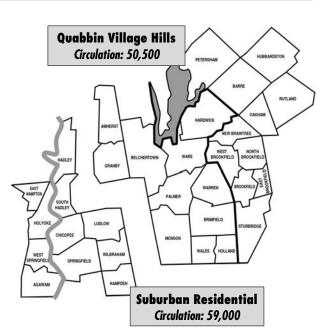
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Friday, Oct. 24

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSO-CIATION will hold its Annual Stars, Serenade and Stone Soup candlelight evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Thomas Smith House, 251 N. West St., Feeding Hills. Winners of the Scary Story Contest will read their winning entries. Kids' activities, hearth baked bread and soup will be served along with period music by candlelight of the 1700s.

Saturday, Oct. 25

THE ROBERTA G. DOERING MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO will host a free Family Carnival for students, families and the community from noon to 5 p.m. on school grounds at 68 Main St., Agawam, and will include carnival games, entertainment, "street" performers, raffles, horse rides, food vendors and a silent auction put together by the students. Admission and parking are free. For more information, email DoeringCarnival@ gmail.com

Sunday, Oct. 26

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will hold its semi-annual Coin Show at the Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission and parking is free. For more information, contact Peter Setian at 413-596-

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a "mini tour" at 1 p.m., led by Dawn Whitney, DMFA, focusing on "Sante Graziano's Mural in 20th Century Gallery." The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free onsite parking is available.

Monday, Oct. 27

A FUNDRAISER FOR AGAWAM RES-IDENT BRADLEY HEINBOKEL, who is battling neck and throat cancer, will be held at Take 5 Restaurant, 944 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold at the door. For more information, email Michele.minniear01@yahoo.com or call 413-214-8703.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

A HEALTH EXPO will be held at the Agawam Senior Center 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second floor of the senior center and will include a large variety of health care providers showcasing products and services. The public is invited.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

Thursday, Oct. 30

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver and meets weekly on Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 786-7111 or email jbrownacc@verizon.net.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Teddy Roosevelt: Mind, Body and Spirit!" featuring Ted Zalewski, actor and author, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield, Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call 413-263-6800, ext. 488.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

THE HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR sponsored annually by the St. Catherine of Siena Women's Guild will be held Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Center, 1023 Parker St., Springfield. Holiday and decorative crafts from dozens of area crafters will be featured along with a Chinese auction, game room, baked goods, hot lunch and much more. Admission is free.

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUN-CIL'S APPLAUSE SERIES continues Nov. 7 at the Agawam Public Library. Sally Matson will stage her one-woman presentation, "Margaret Bourke-White: Courageous Photographer," about the life and career of America's original star photographer. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public. More information is available at www.agawamcc.org.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK'S COM-MITTEE will host "Paint Sip Fun" Friday, Nov. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the American Legion, 478 Springfield St., Agawam. Tickets are available online at paintsipfun.com. The cost for this club fundraiser is \$35 per person. Snacks available; drinks for purchase. The public is invited.

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER OF WESTERN MASS., 56 Margaret St., Springfield, will host a showing of "Benvenuti al Sud," Friday, Nov. 7. Doors open at 6 p.m.; movie will start at 7 p.m. Donation is \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members and includes beverage and snack. For more information, visit www.iccwm.org or email iccwm@comcast.net.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will nost a blood drive Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. For more information, call 786-3091.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper Wednesday, Nov. 12, at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

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Wednesday, Oct. 29

THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB will hold its annual Harvest Breakfast Sunday, Nov. 16, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the American Legion Hall, 478 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Tickets are \$5 for adults; \$2.50 for children under 12 and are available at Southgate Liquors on Suffield Street, at On the Hill Restaurant in Feeding Hills and at

A BLOOD CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Agawam Senior Center conference room. A light dinner is served. For more information or to register, call 413-789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.

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Museums seek entries in gingerbread house competition

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Museums are inviting bakeries, schools, individual bakers and young people to submit design plans to create gingerbread houses that will be on view at the Springfield Science Museum as part of the holiday exhibit "Adventures in Gingerbread."

Entry forms and design plans must be submitted by Nov. 14. Bakers who commit by the Oct. 24 early registration deadline will receive a free gift.

Any structure, including designs based on holiday stories, recreations of historic homes or buildings, and magical make-believe creations, will be eligible. Gingerbread houses will be displayed against a backdrop of murals inspired by a fairy tale about a fearless princess who goes on an epic journey with a rugged iceman, his pet reindeer and snowman to find her sister, whose magical powers have trapped the kingdom in eternal winter. The exhibition will also feature beautifully ornamented trees and other holiday decorations.

Applicants will be notified about selection decisions by Nov. 17. Gingerbread houses that are not pre-registered will not be accepted. Completed gingerbread houses must be delivered to the museums Nov. 24 and will be on display from Nov. 28 through Dec. 31.

Applications and guidelines may be obtained by downloading the form from the museum website at springfieldmuseums. org, stopping by the museum Welcome Center, emailing dszaban@springfieldmuseums. org, or calling 413-263-6800, ext. 285.

Entries will be accepted in the following contest divisions: Professional Division bake shops, caterers, restaurants, or professional bakers; Adult Division — individuals or groups age 18 and up; Youth Division individuals or groups age 8-17 (school and youth groups are welcome to apply).

Visitors on Nov. 28 will vote for their favorite gingerbread entry in each division and prize awards will be presented that day at 4 p.m. Voting will continue for People's Choice Awards until Dec. 31, and the final winners in each division will be posted on the Springfield Museums Facebook page.

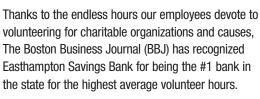
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Leah MacKenzie Iacolino, 7 1/2 months old, is all smiles as she celebrates her first Halloween. Leah is the daughter of Ashley and Michael lacolino of Agawam.

Heritage Hall to host bazaar, craft fair

The Heritage Hall Annual Holiday Bazaar will take place Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in all five buildings of the campus. This event is a great opportunity for shoppers to get an early start for the holiday and will include dozens of vendors, crafters as well as baked goods, Christmas items, jewelry, cosmetics, candles, artwork, and much more. Admission is free. Lunch is available in all five buildings.

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